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**INDICTMENT AND ARREST OF ACCUSED CHILD ABUSER**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the unsealing of an indictment charging JOHN J. TULIP, a/k/a John J. Tulip, III, a 61-year old resident of the Palm Coast area, formerly of St. Augustine with the following federal violations:

- Count One: Inducing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct;
- Count Two: Being a legal guardian permitting a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct;
- Counts Three through Eleven: Transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity;
- Count Twelve: Transportation of child pornography by computer.

The maximum penalties JOHN J. TULIP faces if convicted on all counts are:

Counts One and Two (each count)	Minimum mandatory 10 years' imprisonment up to 20 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines, or both fines and imprisonment, up to 3 years' supervised release, \$100 special assessment;
Counts Three through Ten (each count)	15 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines, or both fines and imprisonment, up to 3 years' supervised release, \$100 special assessment;
Count Eleven	Minimum mandatory 5 years' imprisonment up to 30 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines, or both fines and imprisonment, up to 3 years' supervised release, \$100 special assessment;
Count Twelve	15 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines, or both fines and imprisonment, up to 3 years' supervised release, \$100 special assessment;
CUMULATIVE (if convicted of all counts and sentenced consecutively)	Minimum mandatory 25 years' imprisonment up to 185 years' imprisonment, \$3 million in fines, or both fines and imprisonment, up to 36 years' supervised release, \$1,200 special assessment.

TULIP was arrested at a motel in Brunswick, Georgia, last evening by Special Agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). TULIP had his initial appearance today in Jacksonville federal court and he is being detained pending a detention hearing scheduled for May 16, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Monte C. Richardson.

According to the indictment, TULIP transported a minor child, identified in court documents as "F.S.," in interstate and foreign commerce on numerous occasions from late 2000 to late 2003 for the purpose of having "F.S." engage in sexual acts for which a person could be prosecuted for a criminal offense. Additionally, TULIP induced a minor to engage in sexual acts and acted as a legal guardian permitting a minor to engage in sexual acts for the purpose of producing visual depictions of the acts, which visual depictions were

actually transported in interstate or foreign commerce. Also, the indictment charges that TULIP transported or caused the transporting of child pornography by computer in foreign commerce.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with the cooperation of the Dusseldorf State Police, Dusseldorf, Germany, and the St. John's County Sheriff's Office. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ronald T. Henry.